GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:80
ANSWERED ON:21.02.2003
RESTRICTIONS ON INDIAN BASMATI RICE
V. VETRISELVAN

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

:

(a) whether export of Basmati rice to USA is on the decline:

(b) whether American Government have imposed restrictions on Indian Basmati rice and returned a number of consignments;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Indian Government have taken up this issue with American Government; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.80 FOR ANS
ON 21.2.2003 REGARDING RESTRICTIONS ON INDIAN BASMATI RICE.

(a) The total quantity and value of export of basmati rice to USA during the last 4 years and the period Apr.-Nov. 2002 are as under:-

Year	Qty.(MT)	Value(Rs.crore)
1998-99	4982	20.09
1999-2000	16372	70.71
2000-01	35964	129.84
2001-02(P)	26589	94.00
2002-03 Apr-Nov.,2002(P)	22283	74.61
Apr-Nov.,2001	20511	69.41

Source : DGCI&S, Calcutta

(P) : Prov. Data)

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.